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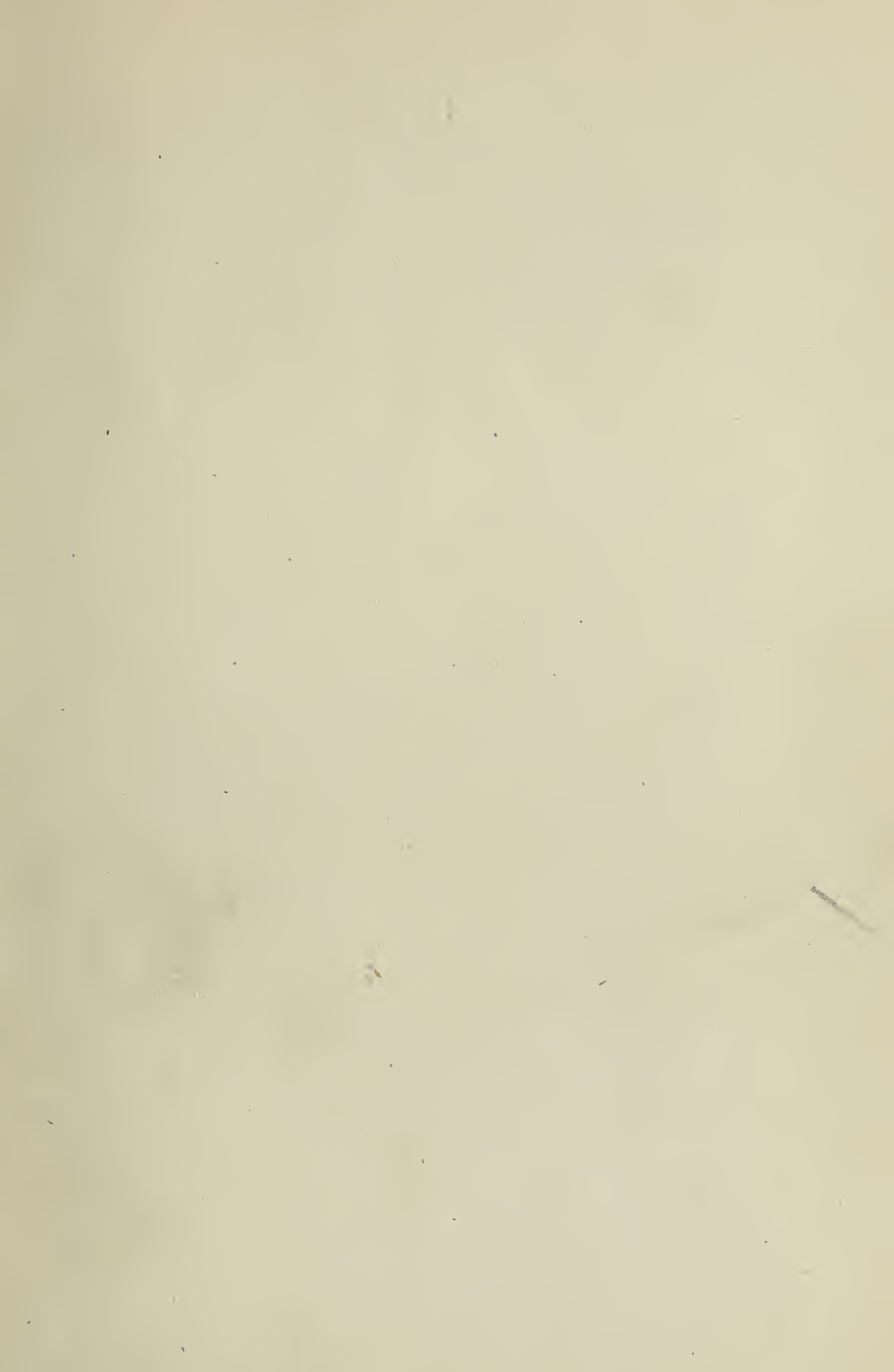


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# History of the Woodcock Family

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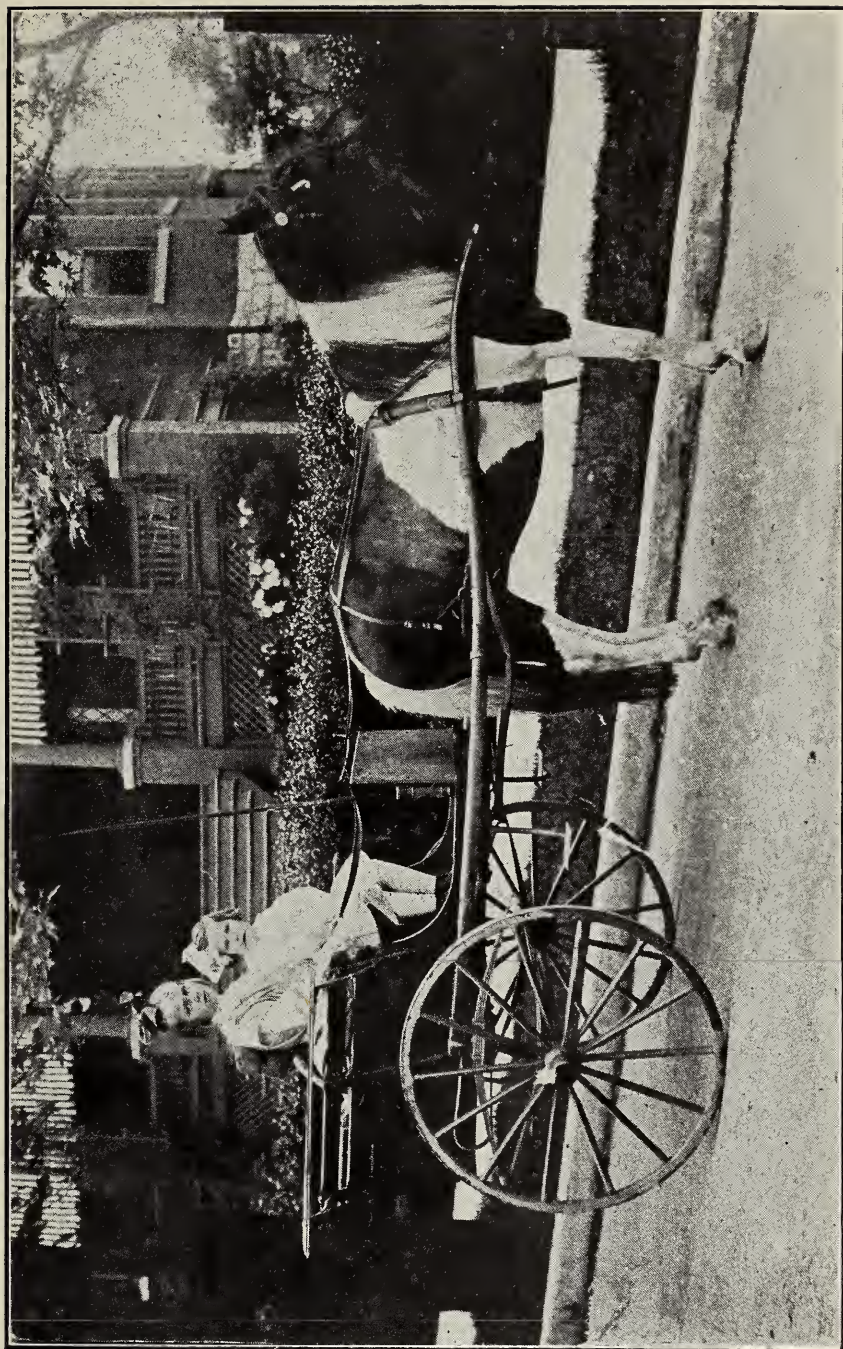
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TO the memory of my father, JOHN  
WOODCOCK, a man of clean hands, pure  
heart and an upright life, this little volume  
is affectionately dedicated.

WILLIAM LEE WOODCOCK

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Eleanor Lee and Elizabeth Mary Woodcock, and Their Pony "June,"  
With Their Home in the Background



## Preface

THE family is a divine institution. This is proven, first, because it was founded by God in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve were the father and mother of the first family and in the first home. Second, because the family and the home are the foundation of nearly everything else that is ennobling and that has made the world good and great. The family is the foundation of society. It is this that holds society together.

The family is the foundation of government. The best government in the world is a well governed Christian home. The home is the best place in the world for the development of true Christian character. The Christian home where Christ and love abide is the dearest spot on earth. It is said by a great writer that the home is the heart of the world, and I believe it; and if this be true, then the mother is or should be the heart of the home. Hence, the mother who worships at the shrine of fashion, instead of the shrine of a Christian home, makes a fatal mistake. The mother who allows "society" (so-called), with its bridge parties, its dances and its theatres, to encroach upon her duties to the home life and to the neglect of the training of the children that God has given her, not only makes a fatal mistake, but commits a great sin as well. Yet, keeping a record of this divinely instituted organization known as the family, is greatly neglected—so much so that to write a history of a family is one of the most difficult tasks ever undertaken. There are large families living today, whose records are so badly kept that they are unable to give correct data to the historian who undertakes to prepare a family history.

If this sketch is imperfect, I hope the reader will place the blame where it properly belongs, and if my effort to write the history of the Woodcock family stimulates, to even a small degree, the better keeping of family records, then I shall feel my labor has not been in vain.







## CHAPTER I.

### THE WOODCOCK FAMILY.

How the multitude of names originated is a problem difficult to solve—but we have reliable information as to the origin of the name Woodcock. It is said that a dealer in game in London, in the early history of that city, had a large number of the bird woodcock constantly on hand for sale, and as this bird was quite rare and considered a delicious delicacy, as it is to this day, the best people of the city patronized this man's store, and, as they did not know his name, they commenced calling him Woodcock. The man did not object so long as they continued to purchase his birds at a good price, and soon he became generally known as Mr. Woodcock. Or it may have come from high wood, cock meaning in the early English high, designating thereby the location where the family lived. However this may be, the Woodcock family is an old English one, and may be traced back for more than five centuries as resident of that early settled and important civil division of the English Empire.

In Phillips' Dictionary of Biographical Reference, I find Woodcock, Robert, English Music Composer. Thomas Woodcock, English Printer. Sir John Woodcock, Lord Mayor of London in 1405.

In the Dictionary of National Biography, I find the following: Woodcock, Martin, a Franciscan Martyr, born in 1603 at Clayton-le-wood, Lancashire, appears to belong to the Lancashire family of Woodcock.

He was educated first at St. Omer and then at Rome. He began his novitiate with the Capuchins of Paris, but left

within a year and was admitted among the Franciscans at Douai in 1631, and was professed in 1632. Towards the end of 1643 he was sent on an English Mission and landed at Newcastle, but was seized almost immediately while on a visit to his relatives in Lancashire. After more than two years' imprisonment he was tried at Lancaster, in August, 1646, condemned on his own confession of being a Catholic priest and executed at Lancaster on August 7, 1646. In Baines' History he is counted among the worthies of Lancashire.

One of the earliest members of this family, who has any distinct personality, is "John Woodcock of Kureden, Gentleman," whose name appears as above quoted, among the jurors in many inquisitions in the former half of the seventeenth century. A contemporary, Dr. Kuerden, a well-known antiquarian, says "there is another fayr-built house upon the lower Kureden Green, in the Parish of Leyland Co., Lancaster," commonly called the Crow Trees, being the ancient inheritance of Mr. John Woodcock and his family for 400 or 500 years. His father, Thomas Woodcock, was the owner of Crow Trees in 1609, and was probably the son of Richard Woodcock, of Leyland, who died in 1592, to whose children part of the tithes of Kureden were paid in the early part of the seventeenth century. John Woodcock of Kureden married Miss Margaret Fox and had two sons, William and Thomas. These three names—John, William and Thomas—have been family names since the earliest records, appearing in every generation from the fifteenth century to the last decade of the nineteenth century. In 1738, Thomas married Ellen Spencer, heiress of the Newburg property, in the Parish of Ormskirk, Lancashire. Her father, James Spencer, when repairing the house, now known as "Woodcock Hall," claimed the right of using Supporters to his Shield, claim-

ing to belong to the Cadet branch of the noble family of Spencers.

Burke's Encyclopedia of Heraldry contains only the names of persons who enjoy hereditary titles and are entitled to have a coat of arms. The right to bear arms is the true criterion of nobility. These Woodcocks of Lancaster, England, exercised this right and bore a coat of arms. These coats of arms, I find, are fully described in Burke's Encyclopedia of Heraldry, above named, in the Congressional Library at Washington, D. C., U. S. A., as follows:

#### WOODCOCK OF LONDON.

Az. a fesse erm between 3 leopards pass. or Crest out of rays issuing from the wreath or. a demi peacock displ. ar.

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Woodcock (as borne by John Woodcock, Esq., of Coventry) Az. a fesse erm between 3 leopards pass. or; and on an escutcheon of pretence (Mr. W. having m. a dau. & Co-heiress of Edward Croft of Warwick, Esq.) the arms of Croft, viz—quarterly per fesse indented Az. in the 1st quarter a lion pass. guard or Crest—out of rays, issuing from a wreath or, a demi peacock displ. ar. Also three others.

These Woodcocks of Lancashire, Wigan and Belnore also supported a crest which is used by many Woodcock families today and which consists of a pelican feeding her young. The mother is represented as having been out in quest of food and returns with her beak well filled and lights gracefully upon the nest. She expresses her delight by elevating her wings and drops the food into the open and waiting mouths of her offspring. The nest is resting on a scroll on which is inscribed the motto, "*Gesta Præeuenient Verbis*" (Deeds are better than words). The writer hopes



he may be pardoned for what may appear egotism when he expresses his opinion that this is an appropriate and most fitting motto, for in all his experience he has not known a lazy or indolent person by the name of Woodcock. They are noted for their industry, energy and perseverance.

Before taking up the direct line of descent of that branch of the Woodcock family which came to America, which will appear in the second chapter, we will here give what information we have gathered in England and from the works on heraldry found in the Congressional Library in Washington, D. C., and elsewhere, of the Woodcocks who remained in England, many of whom have occupied prominent positions in both church and state.

The union of Thomas Woodcock and Ellen Spencer of Newburg (married in 1738) resulted in a large family of children.

John Woodcock of Newburg married Mary Anne, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Baldwin, Vicar of Leyland. This marriage may be looked upon as the first link between Wigan and the Woodcocks, for the Baldwins had been one of the leading families in that town in the seventeenth century. John Baldwin, grandfather of the already-mentioned Vicar of Leyland, had been Church Warden of Wigan Parish Church in 1676, and Mayor of Wigan in 1690; his "spacious and neat-built" house in Standishgate is remarked upon by Dr. Kuerden in his Itinerary. The mother of the Rev. Thomas Baldwin was a representative of the ancient family of Rigbye of Harrock Hall, County of Lancaster. The children of John and Mary Anne Woodcock were Thomas, who succeeded his father; Ellen, who married John Hodson, Esq., of Ellerbeck, County of Lancaster, sometime M. P. for Wigan; and Sarah, who married Ralph Thicknesse, Esq., of Beech Hill, Wigan, also sometime M. P. for that borough.

Thomas Woodcock, Esq. (b. 1769; d. 1850), of Woodcock Hall, Newburg, and of Bank House, Wigan, in conjunction with his brother-in-law, Ralph Thicknesse, founded Wigan Bank in 1792, since which time the Woodcock family has always held a prominent position in the neighborhood of that town. Thomas Woodcock married in 1799 Elizabeth, daughter and eventually sole heiress of Edward, second son of Hugh Holme, Esq., of Holland House, near Wigan, who by his marriage in 1731, with Anne Bankes, eventually the sole representative of the Bankes of Winstanley, County of Lancaster, and of a cadet branch of the grand old family of Legh of Lyme, County of Chester, he became closely connected with nobility. To these Leghs belonged the chapel which now forms the north aisle of the Chancel of Wigan Parish Church, and which, in 1682, was given up by the Leghs to the Rector and Church Wardens to be used as a vestry. The Holmes (Burke's Commoners) had been settled at Holland House since 1605. They were descended from Sir Ralph (or William) de Hulme, to whose shield Edward the Black Prince granted an honorable augmentation of a red chaplet or a silver canton. Hugh Holme, through his mother, Jane, daughter and co-heiress of Walter Hastings, Esq. (Burke's Peerage "Huntingdon, Earl of"), was entitled to quarter the arms of many families which had played no small part in English history. The Hastings' Achievement presents a display of a quarterings seldom equalled and perhaps never surpassed.

Far more precious, however, than any heraldic quarterings are the love and esteem which are still felt in Wigan for the names of Thomas and Elizabeth Woodcock.

The surviving children of this marriage were three sons and four daughters, viz:

John Woodcock, Esq., J. P., of the Elms, Wigan, and of Woodcock Hall, Newburgh.

Edward Woodcock, Esq., of Wigan.

Henry Woodcock, Esq., J. P., of Bank House, Wigan, and of Belnore, County of Sussex.

Elizabeth, who married Henry Farrington, Esq., a cadet of the ancient family of Farrington, of Worden.

Mary Anne, who married her cousin-german, Ralph A. Thicknesse, Esq., sometime M. P. for Wigan.

Sarah, who married Henry Leader, Esq.; and

Frances, who married Thomas Part, Esq.

In Landed Gentry, by Burke, vol. 2, page 2260, I find the following additional information:

#### WOODCOCK FAMILY LINEAGE.

The first of the family entered in the visitation of County Lancaster, 1683, supposed to be descended from Sir John Woodcock, Lord Mayor of London, 1405, Ralph Woodcock, Esq., b. 1558, married Catharine, daughter of Rev. Wm. Clarke, and had issue. Edward Woodcock, Esq., b. 1606, m. Margaret Faunt, of Claybrook, d. 1658, leaving a son, Ralph Woodcock, Esq., of Keame, b. 1633, married; d. in 1696, leaving a son, Thomas Woodcock, Esq., of Keame, married—second time daughter of Sir Wolstan Dixie, Bart., died leaving a son, Thomas Woodcock, Esq., of Keame, Bart., November 25, 1690, married Mary, daughter of Thomas Pochin, Esq., died leaving a son, Rev. Thomas Woodcock, Vicar of Wigan and Kirby. Born 1718, m. 1745, died 1763, leaving a son, Rev. Henry Woodcock, Vicar of Barby, County of Leicester, b. August 12, 1755, m. November 1, 1785, d. July 26, 1826, leaving a son, John William Woodcock, Esq., b. September 13, 1786, m. July 4, 1811, d. November 11, 1819, leaving one son and one daughter, Henry Cleaver Woodcock, now of Rearsby House, and Mary Woodcock, m. Rev. Michael Hutton, of Seaton Rectory. Each had issue. Seat Rearsby House.

## IN "THE RELIQUARY."

By Llewellynn Jewitt, F. S. A., I find a lengthy chapter on the Woodcock family of County Lancaster. From this I have taken only certain portions or paragraphs, as follows:

"The accompanying pedigree is of a Lancaster family long settled at Walton-C-Dale, near Preston. There is still standing an ancient tenement called Woodcock Hall in the Township of Kureden, which was the chief Woodcock residence during Queen Elizabeth's time."

"The charters and deeds referred to above show that the lands named therein were evidently held by the same family for centuries and all lying pretty much in the same neighborhood, it may be taken as a certainty that whether or not Seth and John were brothers, and sons of Robert Woodcock, they were, at all events, closely related, and that by, from, through and under them descended the family property to those found in its possession in later generations. When we come to Henry VI times, we find them (the Woodcocks) connected with one of the noblest families (in descent) in Lancaster—Livesey, of Livesey, and afterwards, in Elizabeth's time, with the noblest families of Kureden, of Kureden, and Langtry, of Langtry."

Here follows the pedigree, which is too lengthy to give, but beg to refer those interested to the Reliquary, 1873 and 1874, page 148, in the Congressional Library at Washington, D. C., also same book, vol. 1, 1866 and 1867.

## WOODCOCKS OF BELNORE AND WIGAN.

Thomas Holme Woodcock, Esq., of Belorne, Sussex, b. June 14, 1766, lineage.

The Woodcocks of Wigan came originally from Kureden, in the Parish of Leyland, County Lancaster, where they held lands since the thirteenth century. The founder of



the Wigan branch was Thomas Woodcock, great-grandson of John Woodcock, of Kureden, Gent. He married in 1738 Ellen, daughter and eventually heiress of James Spencer, of Newburgh House, County Lancaster, and had two sons, the younger d. s. p. the elder, John Woodcock, of Newburgh House, m. February 23, 1768, Mary Anne, daughter of Rev. Thos. Baldwin, Vicar of Leyland, and great-granddaughter of John Baldwin, Mayor of Wigan, in 1690, and had issue: Thomas Woodcock, his heir.

Ellen Woodcock, m. John Hodson, Esq., M. P. for Wigan.

Sarah Woodcock, married Ralph Thicknesse, Esq., M. P. for Wigan. The only son, Thomas Woodcock, Esq., of Newburgh House and Bank House, Wigan, m. Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Edward Holme, Esq., Thomas Woodcock had issue:

I. John Woodcock, of Newburgh House, County Lancaster, m. Sarah Hodson, 1st and 2nd, Alice Knowles, by whom he had (*inter alia*) two sons, Herbert Spencer, J. P., of Newburgh House, and Arthur Baldwin, B. A.

II. Edward Woodcock, of Wigan, married Margaret Frazier and had issue. Edward Holmes and Robert Deatry and Thomas Frazer.

III. Henry, of Belnore and Bank House, m. Issue:

1. Elizabeth, m. Henry Flarington, Esq., and had issue.

2. Sarah, m. Henry Leader, Esq., and had issue.

3. Mary Anne, m. her cousin, Ralph A. Thicknesse, Esq., M. P. for Wigan, and had issue.

IV. Frances, m. Thomas Part, Esq., and had issue.

Mr. Woodcock died November 6, 1850. His third son, Henry Woodcock, Esq., of Belnore, and Bank House, J. P., b., March, 1814, m. August 18, 1840, and had issue:

1. Lucy Jane, m. Thomas G. Godfrey Faussett, M. A., and had issue.

2. Agnes, m. H. G. Slade, Esq.

3. Everilda Mary, m. her cousin, Richard A. Flarington, Esq., J. P. County Lancaster.

4. Agata Maud.

5. Liliás Frances Anne, m. and had issue.

6. Mabel Elizabeth, m. Rev. Andrew E. P. Gray, M. A. Mr. Henry Woodcock married secondly Emily Susan, daughter of Thomas Bridson, Esq., July 28, 1863, and by her had ten children, as follows:

1. Thomas Holmes, his heir, b. 1865.

2. Henry Stephen Woodcock, b. October 13, 1867.

3. John N. Woodcock, b. April 26, 1873.

4. Godfrey Paul Hastings Woodcock, b. February 11, 1876; d. July 31, 1890.

5. Wilfred James, b. May 3, 1878.

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7. Beatrice Cecilia.

8. Phillis Margaret Woodcock.

9. Letitia Mary Fausset Woodcock m. F. J. Lasclos, Esq., and had issue.

10. Dorothy Ellen Woodcock.

The father, Henry Woodcock, Esq., lived in his country seat, Belnore, surrounded by his twelve farms. The writer had the pleasure of visiting this pleasant and luxurious home in the autumn of 1881. He drove me around to see his farms, which, although not large, were then in a high state of cultivation, each farm containing from twelve to fifteen acres, the soil being used largely for trucking. We found neat and comfortable tenements on each place—and the farmers seemed contented and happy.

Several of their married children were then spending their vacation with their parents. We found them very bright, entertaining and hospitable. Mr. Woodcock promised to come to America and return my visit, but he died in 1891 at his seat Belnore, Cuckfield, Hayward Heath, aged 77 years.

## CHAPTER II.

### ROBERT WOODCOCK'S DESCENDANTS.

ROBERT WOODCOCK, who was one of the Woodcocks of Lancashire, England, was born about 1692. When a boy, his parents moved from Lancaster, England, to Ireland, as we see from O'Hart's Irish Pedigrees, Volume 2, Page 22-704-743. The name Woodcock came into Ireland at the close of the Seventeenth century. His parents probably settled in Kellurin, County of Wexford, Ireland, and here, on the 19th day of January, 1718, in the Lambetown meeting of the Society of Friends, County of Wexford, Ireland, he married Miss Rachel Bancroft, daughter of Jacob and Ruth Bancroft, born 4th Mo. 12, 1693. From this union we have secured a direct and well authenticated line of descent or lineage down to the present writing, namely, to September, 1912.

This Robert Woodcock was the writer's great-great-grandfather. He came to America with his wife and children (then born) in 1726. As shown by a Certificate from the Record of the Cooledine Monthly Meeting, Ireland, dated 1 Mo. 12, 1726. This certificate was filed in the Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, March 12, 1726.

We are pleased to note here that these ancestors were members of the Society of Friends, and much of the writer's information has been secured from the records of the Friends' meeting in Wilmington, Philadelphia and Washington, and is considered very authentic from the fact that the Society of Friends are and always have been very strict and careful in keeping their records.

Robert and Rachel Woodcock were the parents of five children, as follows:

William Woodcock,	born	11	Mo.	3d,	1719.
Anthony	"	"	1	"	4, 1724.
Ruth	"	"	10	"	27, 1727.
Robert	"	"	4	"	28, 1729.
Bancroft	"	"	7	"	18, 1732.

The three last named were born in Wilmington, Delaware, in which town the parents located on their arrival in America, and where Robert engaged in ship building. His sons, William and Anthony, became interested in the business with their father, and, as we see in Miss Montgomery's *Reminiscences of Wilmington*, the firm became prominent ship builders and the owners of some very good vessels.

The records do not show, but it is probable, that Robert was also a member of the firm. Bancroft, the writer's great-grandfather, was, however, a silver and goldsmith, in which art or profession it is recorded that he attained great efficiency and skill.

These four brothers all married and had issue, which issue we cannot trace fully in this sketch, except that of Bancroft Woodcock. The others, however, will be traced as far as our information extends, beginning with the oldest, as follows:

William Woodcock, born November 3, 1719, married first Miss Burns. To this union at least two children were born. First, William Woodcock, Jr., who married and had issue. He lived in Baltimore, and became one of the most prominent citizens of that city. The daughter (sister of William, Jr.,) also married and had issue.

William Woodcock married a second time, Mrs. Elizabeth Marshall, widow of Abraham Marshall and daughter of Isaac and Sarah Faucett Lea, on the 22d of January, 1761,



in the Friends' Meeting in Wilmington. Bancroft is a witness to the certificate. This union resulted in the birth of several children.

1st. Elizabeth Woodcock (born December 6, 1761, at Wilmington, Delaware; died July 30, 1823,) married in Wilmington to Joseph Marot, and had issue.

2nd. Samuel Woodcock, born August 11, 1764, died unmarried, being lost at sea.

For the children of Elizabeth Woodcock and Joseph Marot and their descendants. See chapter V.

We do not claim that our records of the descendants of the second and third sons of Robert and Rachel are full and complete, but they both married and had issue and their offspring settled in Wilmington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and some in southern and western states. The record, however, so far as given is authentic. See chapters V and VI.

The daughter, Ruth, married and lived in Philadelphia, for it is known that the mother, Rachel, died in Philadelphia on the 30th day of December, 1797, probably at the house of the daughter. The daughter also had issue. The descendants of these five children of Robert and Rachel Bancroft Woodcock settled, some in Wilmington, some in Philadelphia, Baltimore, and some in Virginia and Kentucky, and some found their way into the Western States. I find Woodcocks living in Virginia and Kentucky, several of whom stand high in the professions. One is a law judge of eminence in Virginia, another a prominent physician, residing in Winchester, of whom I have received the following article of interest, which appeared in the Washington Post:

"In one of the apartments of the Hotel Raleigh, now occupied by Philip W. Avirett, is a remarkable relic which has history of great interest. It is nothing more nor less than the strong iron box of Thomas, Lord Fairfax, the first

lord proprietary of Virginia. The box, or chest, is made of heavy wrought iron, into which have been welded iron straps, crossing each other at right angles. The slight ornamentation on the front of the box shows it to be of Italian workmanship. The box is in a state of remarkable preservation. The keyhole is in the center of the massive lid, and a large, heavy key, black with age, turns easily in it. A wonderful thing about the lock is that the key in turning sends sliding bolts out from all sides of the lid to cling beneath heavy extensions of the four sides of the box itself upon precisely the same principle as that upon which the modern bank vault lock in universal use today is managed.

"The history of the relic is romantic. The strong box was buried by Lord Fairfax at his home, Greenaway Court, near Winchester, Va., where he died. The reason that Fairfax buried it was that he had filled it with money collected by him in the shape of revenues for the crown, but he died before he had an opportunity to take it up and enjoy the treasure. The only person who knew about the burial of the box was Dr. Thomas Woodcock, of Winchester. After the death of Lord Fairfax, Dr. Woodcock dug it up and took it to Philadelphia, where he gave it to the agents of the Bank of England, who sent it to England, still filled with money and muniments of title. When the contents had been removed, the box was given to the Fairfax heirs in England. Dr. Thomas Woodcock married into the Fairfax family.

"The Fairfax heirs sent it back to Dr. Woodcock, filled with silver plate, and the strong box eventually passed from Dr. Woodcock to Mrs. Hannah Dunbar, of Winchester. At Mrs. Dunbar's death she willed the box to her daughter, Mrs. Philip Williams, of Virginia, during her lifetime, and provided that it should then descend to Mrs. Williams' heirs, among whom was Mrs. Avirett, wife of Rev. James

B. Avirett, formerly of Silver Springs and now of North Carolina.

"During the late war the chest was again buried by those who had it in possession at Winchester, and a large quantity of valuable silver plate was placed in it in order to protect it from possible seizure by the soldiers. Several years ago the box was dug up again, its whereabouts having been discovered through information received from a former slave named Granderson, who had helped to bury it, but who preserved the secret of its location until he found death was near, when he divulged it to the proper party. The heirs of Mrs. Philip Williams gave the strong box to Philip Williams Avirett, who now has it in his possession.

"Among the treasures which were contained in the strong box at the time it was buried during the late war was a miniature portrait of the late Philip Williams, painted on ivory by Rembrandt Peale. The miniature is incased in a quaint oval silver locket, and is also in the possession of Mr. Avirett. Authorities on such matters have expressed the opinion that the miniature is as fine a specimen of Peale's marvelous art in miniature portrait painting as there is extant."

In the early history of the Woodcocks of Lancashire, England, most of them were members of the Established Church of England. Some were adherents of the Scotch Presbyterian faith. The Bancrofts, however, were members of the Society of Friends from time immemorial, and when Robert Woodcock married into this old family in 1718, he joined the Society with his wife, Rachel Bancroft, and from this union this branch of the Woodcock family adhered to the Society of Friends for several generations, the children of Robert and Rachel Bancroft Woodcock became members with their parents. This relation was maintained in their Christian experience for several gener-

ations, the writer's grandfather, Isaac Woodcock, and several of his children being members of the Society of Friends. Finally, however, this branch of the family commenced to divide in their religious faith, some of them being Methodists, others Episcopalians, and some Presbyterians. Just recently I heard of a Charles E. Woodcock, who resides in Louisville, Kentucky, and is a Bishop in the Protestant Episcopal Church. In a letter from him under date of May 17, 1911, he states he is of an old English family; that his grandfather's name was George and came to this country in the Eighteenth Century. We have no doubt but that he is a descendant of Robert Woodcock.

The four sons of Robert and Rachel, namely, William, Anthony, Robert and Bancroft, lived contemporaneously with the War of the Revolution, and were probably in the war; if not, it was because they had conscientious scruples as regards war, being Friends.

Bancroft, the youngest child, married Miss Ruth Andrews, as per the following certificate, viz: Bancroft Woodcock (Goldsmith) of the city, married Ruth Andrews, daughter of William Andrews, of New Castle County, Del. This certificate is witnessed by William Woodcock. To this union of Bancroft and Ruth Andrews were born two children—Rachel, born 10th Mo. and 13th, 1760, and Isaac Woodcock, the writer's grandfather, who was born 8th Mo. 6d, 1764. Rachel married Mr. James, and had issue. They moved to Philadelphia, where she died in the 10th Mo. 28th day, 1798.

Before following the lineage of Isaac Woodcock we must speak more fully of Bancroft, his father. He, Bancroft, was quite a celebrated character in his day. He lived to be 89 years of age, nor was his mental or physical force abated. We are told that when he was 80 he walked long distances and skated from Wilmington to



Philadelphia and back. He owned a fine property in Wilmington, but after his wife died he moved to Red Stone, and from there to Well's Valley, Bedford County, Pa., where he died on or about the 9th day of May, 1817. (See his will, which was admitted to probate in Bedford County on the 13th of May, 1817—a copy of which is given below.

He was a very strict Friend. We see in Miss Montgomery's Reminiscences of Wilmington that he walked seventeen miles and back in one day to Monthly Meeting when he was past 80 years of age. We have collected a good deal of information in reference to him in the libraries of Wilmington and elsewhere and give it here following. He spent his last days with his son Isaac on the farm in Well's Valley, which he deeded to his son Isaac in consideration of one silver dollar and natural love and affection, on the 10th day of the 10th month, 1807, consisting of one hundred and six acres of land, situate between the Sidling Hill Creek and Sidling Hill. Here the writer's grandfather, Isaac Woodcock, spent most of his life, and here the writer's father, John Woodcock, was born. This deed is recorded in Bedford County, in Deed Book, Vol. "G," Page 512, October 17, 1807.

#### COPY OF BANCROFT WOODCOCK'S WILL.

19.10 month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen. I Bancroft Woodcock being through divine Favour preserved in health of body and a sound mind and in the 84 year of my age do make this my last will hereby making void all wills by me at any time heretofore made. I will that my Executor pay all just debts and funeral charges as soon as may be after my decease. Item I will unto my son Isaac Woodcock all my wareing apperril and Silver Smiths Tools. Item I will that what I gave my Daughter Rachel James in her life time be and taken as her



share of my estate. Item I will unto my Nephew William Woodcock of the borrough of Wilmington my Cane. Item I Will and Bequeath unto Ruth Tudar all the Residue and Remainder of my estate of what kind soever to her, her Heirs and Assigns forever. I do hereby Nominate and Appoint my trusty Friend John Alexander Esquire, Executor of this my last Will."

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

BANCROFT WOODCOCK, (Seal).

"Signed, Sealed and Declared by Bancroft Woodcock, to be his will, in presence of us.

CHRISTIAN ALEXANDER,

STEPHEN TUDOR,

ASA EDWARDS.

Probated and filed May 13, 1817, by David Mann, Register Bedford Co., Pa. (Seal of the Court attached.)

In Reminiscence of Wilmington, by Elizabeth Montgomery, we find the following on page 952, chapter 4:

"Yon stone edifice, towering so high, with its copse of evergreen on the south side, was once the hospitable mansion of Dr. James Tilden. But it seems in place to notice his predecessor, Bancroft Woodcock, of whom he purchased it. It was then called Bancroft's Hill. This person (Bancroft Woodcock) was a remarkably plain, stiff-looking Friend, reminding one of bones and sinew, yet famous for his agility. In skating he excelled the youths of his day; no one could equal him. It was a novel sight to see such a person flourishing on the ice, and with boys and youths of his day, performing feats to the amazement of beholders. He was celebrated for his exercises and often displayed his skill and graceful movements on the Delaware, opposite

Philadelphia. He was also famous for walking. He lived to a very old age, and was so thin that old people used to say he would evaporate.

"Long before the Revolution he was a noted silversmith here. In 1774 he made plate for my mother which is still in possession of the Montgomery family. His workmanship was superior. Half a century ago he removed to Redstone, then called the back woods. Years after this, Mrs. Lea, returning from Pittsburg, was recognized by him on his way from Monthly Meeting, to and from which he walked 17 miles in one day, every month. He was then a mere shadow. He afterwards more than once walked to Philadelphia.

"From the top of this house there is a distinct view of four states. As the view is commanding, it overlooks the city (Wilmington), rivers and fine meadows on the east. From the chimney, as the sun sets, Christ's Church steeple, in Philadelphia nearly thirty miles distant, can be plainly seen with the naked eye." The writer visited this hill, which is now within the city limits and well built over.

In the same book—chapter 12, page 171, we read William Woodcock occupied a shipyard and built many vessels. These persons were masters of their business, and were highly respected to old age."

This book was written in 1851 by Elizabeth Montgomery. This copy presented to the society by W. G. Williston.

We are satisfied that his four sons, William, Isaac, Samuel and Robert, were born here, as from the records of the court, as well as from geneological histories, these four names appear, and the writer visited several aged gentlemen, all of whom were over ninety years and all of whom remembered the Woodcocks.

One, Edward Jarrett, aged 93, states that he remembered Bancroft Woodcock very well; recollects of him being a

noted skater, but could not remember very much about him, his mind being somewhat weakened by the infirmity of age.

In the Register's office, among the records of the Orphans' Court of New Castle County, are found the administration of the estate of Samuel Woodcock, William Woodcock, and Robert Woodcock, as will be seen by the epitomes of said records given below.

History of the State of Delaware, vol. 1, says William Woodcock was an early shipbuilder and built several ships between 1740 and 1760.

In the several directories of the City of Wilmington, the latest being 1814, the name Woodcock appears. In that of 1814, which is the oldest directory of the City of Wilmington, the name of William Woodcock appears, residence No. 4 High Street; it also appears in the next directory, which was 1853. Bancroft Woodcock's name does not appear in the last named directory and therefore, we presume, he had then moved to Redstone.

In the book entitled "The Original Settlement of the Delaware," by Benjamin Ferris, pages 268 and 269, we find the following:

In the year 1794, when Wilmington contained nearly 3,000 inhabitants, our late valued citizen, William Poole, deceased, made a list of persons in the borough, who were over 60 years of age, intending to record their deaths as they occurred, in order to ascertain, as far as the experiment might serve that purpose, how far the situation was favorable to longevity.

This first column of figures denotes the age of the persons when the list was made; the second shows the year of the death, and the third column their age at the close of life. In this list appears the name of Bancroft Woodcock, 64 when list was made, and he died in 1819, aged 89 years. There

also appears in this list, Widow Woodcock, 74 when list was made, and died in 1796, aged 76.

Bancroft was the owner of a ship which was captured on the Atlantic ocean by the English during the Revolutionary War, which was not returned to him, nor was he compensated for it in any way.

A fine cane was given to him in 1753, the date wrought in pins on the cane, the pins being driven in the wood. The head was of ivory and much worn. It was kept in the family for several generations. It is said he walked from Lancaster to Philadelphia in one day when he was past 80 years of age, using two canes. As we have said, he was a great skater, and one night he skated into a hole in the ice on the Delaware river and nearly lost his life.

### CHAPTER III.

#### BANCROFT AND ISAAC WOODCOCK'S DESCENDANTS.

**B**ANCROFT WOODCOCK was born July 18, 1732, in Wilmington, Del. Married Ruth Andrews June 28, 1759, daughter of William Andrews, Esq., of New Castle Co., Del., in the Public Meeting of Friends. William Woodcock, his brother, signed their Certificate. This union was blessed with one son and one daughter, namely, Rachel, born Oct. 30, 1760. She married Mr. James and lived in Philadelphia. Her mother (Ruth) died at her house in Philadelphia Dec. 30, 1797. Mrs. Rachel James died in Philadelphia October 28, 1798. She was the mother of several children whom we cannot trace in this sketch. The son, Isaac Woodcock, the writer's grandfather, was born August 6th, 1764, in Wilmington, Delaware, died in Wells Valley, Bedford Co., Pa., February 5, 1849, 85 years old. He was a silver smith of remarkable skill. The writer has in his possession some spoons made by him when in his 73rd year, out of silver dollars furnished by his (the writer's) father, with the name and age of the maker engraved on them. He married Miss Mary McCullom, of Wilmington, Delaware. (Born Dec. 22, 1768; died in Wells Valley Dec. 23, 1834.) To this union were born nine children:

1. Samuel Woodcock, born in Wilmington Oct. 14, 1788; died in Mt. Pleasant, Pa., June 19, 1869, aged 80 yrs, 8 mo. 5 days.

2. Bancroft Woodcock, born Oct. 20, 1790; died at Bridgeport, O., June 19, 1861, aged 71.

He was the inventor of the Woodcock self-sharpening



plough, which had a very large sale for many years. He also obtained numerous other patents. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he became a Local Preacher.

3. James Macullom Woodcock, born Feb. 20, 1793; died at Waterside, Pa., March 11, 1860, aged 67 years and 23 days.

4. Edmund Woodcock, born March 11, 1796, died in Quinsey, Ill. All the above born in Wilmington, Del.

5. Ruth Woodcock, born May 4, 1799; died in Wells Valley, Jan. 22, 1800, aged 8 months.

6. John Woodcock, born Nov. 4, 1800.

7. Robison Woodcock, born May 24, 1804; died at Jacksontown, Ohio, 1882; aged 77 years, 9 months and 10 days. He married Miss Davis, but did not have issue.

8. Rachel Woodcock, born Oct. 31, 1808, died in Martinsburg, 1831.

9. Charlotte Woodcock, born Wells Valley, Dec. 10, 1812, and died at Berlin, Pa., 1886. She was an exemplary and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and spent her long life doing good and striving to make the world better. She married early in life Mr. James Wigle, a strenuous Democrat and politician. He held a governmental position under President Buchanan when the War of the Rebellion broke out, and was closely watched as a sympathizer with the Southern Confederacy. They had no children but raised a Miss Jane Bennett, who was a girl of superior ability. She married Dr. Geary, who is still a practicing physician in Berlin, Pa. They have one daughter, who married a minister of the Gospel. My brother, Samuel, lived with them for many years while he was attending school, and fell heir to his Uncle James' Democratic principles, his father and

all his brothers being Republicans. The average age of six of these children of Isaac was 74 years.

Taking up the above named children of Isaac and Mary Macullom Woodcock in the order named, we note the following:

1. Samuel died at Mt. Pleasant and was buried there. We have no well authenticated record of his life but think he died unmarried.

2. Bancroft married Elizabeth Giles ,March 3, 1813; died at Bridgeport, O., of pleurisy, and was buried there. He was the father of eleven children:

a—A son b. July 12, 1814, died when 6 weeks old.

b—John Wesley Woodcock, b. Bedford Co., Pa., July 16, 1816; died at New Lexington, O., 1888, aged 71 years; was father of six children, five still living in Ohio.

c—James Macullom Woodcock, b. July 25, 1817; died May 15, 1900, aged 83 years; married and raised a family, all of whom settled in Ohio and the west.

d—Mary Ann Woodcock, b. August 29, 1819, died, aged 11 months.

e—Maria Tudor Woodcock, b. August 12, 1821, married Mr. Huskill and had issue; was still living in 1909, aged 88 and upward.

f—Margaret Woodcock, b. October 10, 1823, died when 2 years old.

g—Samuel Woodcock, b. July 3, 1826; died of pneumonia, at Bridgeport, O., March 23, 1893, aged 72 years. Was married and had issue.

h—William Woodcock, b. August 11, 1828; was drowned in the Ohio river; aged 27 years.

i—Jesse Woodcock, b. January 25, 1831; died at age of 4 years.

j—Elizabeth Ann Woodcock, b. April, 1833; married Mr. Dillon and had issue. Was living in 1909, aged 79 years and upward. Her home is in Chicago.

k—Adam Clark Woodcock, b. April 6, 1835; was still living in 1909 in Sioux City, Iowa.

All these children, except the two first, were born in Mt. Pleasant, Pa. Their descendants settled in and near Mt. Pleasant and in Ohio and western states.

3. James Macullom Woodcock, third son of Isaac, married Mary Irvin. Issue to this union was eight children: Elizabeth, John, Sarah, Charles, Charlotte, Andrew, Isaac, Catharine and Cyrus. For their descendants see Chapter 4.

4. Edmund Woodcock, fourth son, b. March 11, 1796; d. in Quinsey, Ill. Have no authentic information, but think he died unmarried.

5. Ruth Woodcock, b. May 4, 1799; d. in Wells Valley, January 22, 1800.

6. John Woodcock, fifth son of Isaac and father of the writer, born November 4, 1800; died at Altoona, Pa., of pneumonia, August 27, 1873, aged 72 years, 9 months and 23 days; buried in the Methodist burying ground in Wells Valley, Fulton County, Pa. He was a farmer and also a tanner. He first settled on his father's farm between the Creek and Sidling Hill, but sold this farm to David Ross and purchased 260 acres from heirs of Alexander Alexander, called "Double Alec." Here he settled comparatively in the woods. He cleared a field each year and he also erected a tannery. Here the writer was born and here he was taught the important lesson of industry. First lessons were in picking brush, dropping corn, grind-

ing bark, etc., beginning when he was 6 years of age. For this instruction, which seemed hard at the time, he is now profoundly thankful. But it was not all work. Occasionally we were allowed a day off, for fishing, hunting and going to the county fair. These days, possibly six in a whole year, were fully appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed. A "day off" in the country at the middle of the Nineteenth Century lasted a long while, was sweet in anticipation and rich in enjoyment.

#### DESCENDANTS OF JOHN WOODCOCK.

John Woodcock married Sarah Alexander (b. Sept. 16, 1806; d. June 24, 1850; buried Presbyterian grave yard, Wells Valley). To this union seven children were born, as follows:

I. Milton Woodcock, born August 22, 1831 (married Sarah A. Shelley August 9, 1865); died February 10, 1875. Issue:

1. Elizabeth Catharine, b. April 3, 1867; married Geo. H. Mock January 14, 1890. Issue, six children, as follows:
  - a—William Lee, b. Jan. 10, 1891; d. July 20, 1891.
  - b—Sanford M., b. Oct. 27, 1895.
  - c—Floyd D., b. Jan. 23, 1897; d. Aug. 12, 1897.
  - d—John S., b. July 10, 1892; d. July 13, 1892.
  - e—Eleanor Margaret, b. June 12, 1902.
  - f—Clifford William, b. July 3, 1904.
2. Virginia Anna Woodcock, b. July 1, 1868; married David W. Burket, 1886. P. O., Juniata, Pa. Issue:
  - a. Lulu May, b. April 16, 1887.
  - b. Eleanor Gertrude, b. December 21, 1888; d. September 3, 1889.
  - c. Roxy Viola, b. November 27, 1890.
  - d. Clinton Lee, b. August 23, 1892.

e. Sarah Elizabeth, b. May 12, 1894. f. Oscar, b. August 8, 1895. g. Alva Margretta, b. September 7, 1898. h. Edith Anna, b. November 30, 1900. i. Mary Dorothea, b. February 15, 1903. j. Sylvester Samuel, b. July 28, 1905. k. Kenneth Hugh, b. April 26, 1907. l. Donald, b. April 7, 1911.

3. John Milton Woodcock, born July 4, 1870. Married Annie Biddle July 23, 1897. Merchant, Altoona, Pa. This union has been fruitful in the following children:

a—Clifford William, b. Nov. 11, 1898.

b—Kenneth John, b. Nov. 11, 1901.

c—Sidney Jacob, b. April 9, 1905.

d—DeHaven Cloyd, b. August, 1911.

4. William Lee Woodcock, born December 12, 1871; died February 6, 1872.

5. Susan Margaret Woodcock, born July 2, 1873; married Milton Snyder January 27, 1898. One child died in infancy. Mother died March 16, 1903.

II. Margaret Ann Woodcock, b. May 12, 1833; died May 5, 1870, of complication of diseases; buried in Wells Valley.

III. Samuel Macullom Woodcock, b. March 12, 1835. He studied law with John Cessna, in Bedford, Pa. After he was admitted to the bar he removed to and opened an office in McConnellsburg, Pa., where he remained for about two years. In 1860 he removed to Altoona, where he continued the practice of the law until February 10, 1890, at which date he died of pneumonia, and is buried in Fairview Cemetery, Altoona, Pa. He married Elizabeth Etnier December 30, 1862, who died March 2, 1892, of pneumonia. Buried in Fairview Cemetery. Issue:



a—Gertrude Antonette Woodcock, b. Nov. 16, 1864; married Robert S. Seibert, Sept. 18, 1890; P. O., Orbisonia, Pa. Mr. Seibert is a finely equipped railroad man and is now President and General Manager of the East Broad Top Railroad. Gertrude is a graduate of Wellesley College and is zealously engaged in religious work.

b—Byron Etnier Woodcock, b. Nov. 24, 1870. He is a graduate of Lehigh University, a Civil Engineer and resides at Orbisonia, Pa.

IV. Sarah Catharine Woodcock, b. March 25, 1837; d. Dec. 2, 1866, of pneumonia.

V. Louisa Bradley Woodcock, b. Feb. 13, 1839; d. Oct. 20, 1869, of typhus fever, at Old Home in Wells Valley; buried beside her father and mother, brother and sisters in the Methodist grave yard in Wells Valley. The three sisters died unmarried, all good Christians and Church workers.

VI. John Alexander Woodcock, b. June 13, 1841; married Anna C. Forbes April 19, 1870; d. Dec. 4, 1895, of stomach trouble; buried in Bellefonte, Pa. He was a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Issue:

1. Lee Barnes Woodcock, b. Feb. 8, 1871; graduated at Princeton, N. J.; studied medicine at Philadelphia and Vienna, and now has a lucrative practice in Scranton, Pa.

2. Jay Ralph Woodcock, b. Nov. 22, 1876; married Mabel Thompson June 10, 1908 (b. June 4, 1878). Issue as follows:

a—Anna Woodcock, b. Sept. 30, 1909.

b—William Alexander Woodcock, b. July 3, 1911.

c—Edith Thompson Woodcock, b. Sept. 9, 1912.

Jay Ralph Woodcock is also a Princeton man, class of 1899. Also graduate of Hartford Theolog-

ical Seminary, 1901 and '02, and is now the Presbyterian Minister at Birmingham, Pa. Joined the Huntingdon Presbytery, April, 1908.

3. Margaret Findly, b. April 11, 1880; d. Sept. 23, 1880.

VII. William Lee Woodcock, b. Oct. 20, 1843. Educated in Public Schools, and at Rainsburg and Martinsburg Academies, where he prepared for college, but left school and entered the Army in Sept., 1861. He was in the battles of Murfreesboro and Pittsburgh Landing in April, 1862; was taken ill of typhoid fever in the fall of that year and was honorably discharged on Dec. 3, 1862, on account of disability. Renewed his studies in 1863 at Martinsburg, taught school in 1864 and '65. In 1866 entered upon the study of law with his brother, Samuel, and was admitted to the Bar of Blair County in the fall of 1868, since which time he engaged in the practice of his profession in Altoona, Pa., with unyielding assiduity up to about 1895, at which time he had a large and lucrative practice, but found himself breaking from over work. Hence he has relaxed and is retiring from the practice of law, devoting much time to travel and looking after his estate. He is a Trustee of the American University, Washington, D. C., and also of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. He has given much of his time and energy to Church work. He has been Superintendent of Sunday Schools for 38 years, and now has a school (First Methodist Episcopal, of Altoona) of over 1,400 on the rolls. In 1889 he organized a Mission School in the Seventh Ward of Altoona, out of which has grown the Walnut Avenue Methodist Episcopal church.

In 1867, when studying law, he organized a Sunday School in the country northwest of Altoona, Pa., in an old

log school house and remained its superintendent for several years, out of, and from which a Union Church has grown.

On Jan. 23, 1901, he married Miss Lydia May Ferguson, of Pittsburg, which union has been blessed with two children.

a—Eleanor Lee Woodcock, b. 24 March, 1902.

b—Elizabeth Mary Woodcock, b. 3 May, 1904.

The mother, Sarah Alexander Woodcock, was a staunch Presbyterian, but alternated with her husband, who was a Methodist, in attending church services.

The father, John Woodcock, married a second time, Nancy Love, of Williamsburg, Pa., in the summer of 1852. She was a noble step-mother, winning the hearts of all the step-children, into whose young lives, by uniform kindness and love, she brought sunshine and happiness. Her long life was one of service. It was the writer's privilege to take care of her during the last years of her useful life, and he now bears testimony, with great pleasure, to her beautiful character and service. She laid fast hold of the things that are worth while. The things that are worth while are those which we can take with us into the other world. She died Oct. 20, 1890, in her 90th year, and is buried beside her husband in Wells Valley, and there is written on her tomb the greatest of all eulogies: "She hath done what she could."

## CHAPTER IV.

### ANDREW J. WOODCOCK'S DESCENDANTS.

**A**NDREW J. WOODCOCK, b. Feb. 15, 1824; d. June 11, 1894, aged 70 years, 3 months. Married Mary A. Bossler, April 15, 1847. Issue as follows:

1. Benjamin Franklin Woodcock, b. May 30, 1848; married Sarah J. Bateman Dec. 22, 1874; d. August, 1887, aged 39 years. Issue, one daughter, Elizabeth, b. December, 1875. She married a physician and resides in New Orleans, La. Her mother d. Dec. 29, 1904.

2. W. Irvin Woodcock, b. August 21, 1850; married May 10, 1883, Miss Elizabeth Unangst, daughter of Rev. E. Unangst, D. D., Second Missionary of the Lutheran Church, in India. He died in the 81st year of his age in Hollidaysburg, Pa., at the home of his daughter, Elizabeth, who is a model wife and mother. She was born in India, but educated in this country. Issue:

a—Anna Wheeler Woodcock, b. April 1, 1884; d. of cholera infantum, aged 18 months.

b—John Woodcock, b. June 27, 1886; graduate Williams' College, class of 1908, attended Law School at Dickinson College. Admitted to the bar Feb. 13th, 1912, and entered upon the practice of his profession with his father in Hollidaysburg, Pa.

c—Robert Woodcock, b. Sept. 11, 1888. Graduated Lafayette College, class of 1911, Civil and Mining Engineer, and now employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

d—Sarah Hemphill Woodcock, b. Sept. 9, 1890;  
graduated Miss Sayards' School, class of 1911.

e—William I. Woodcock, Jr., b. March 12, 1893.

Entered Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., 1912.

These four living children constitute a family well raised, all of whom promise to gladden the hearts of their parents until life's latest hour. The father, W. Irvin Woodcock, Esq., taught school several years, studied law with the writer and, by application and close attention to business, has taken position as one of the leading members of the Blair County Bar, and is well to the fore among the prominent lawyers of the State. He enjoys an extensive and well paying practice in Blair County and throughout Central Pennsylvania.

3. Abram B. Woodcock, b. Nov. 11, 1852; married, Oct. 10, 1893, Helen M. Kaufman. Issue:

a—Harry H., b. Nov. 9, 1894.

b—Grace Mae, b. May 17, 1904.

c—Helen Miriam, b. Oct. 20, 1905.

All living at home at Waterside, Pa.

4. Anna M. Woodcock, b. Feb. 23, 1855; married John C. McGraw. They live in Iowa, near Knoxville. They are the parents of the following children:

a—Frank T. McGraw, b. Oct. 8, 1877, in Bedford, Pa.

b—J. R. McGraw, b. May 21, 1879, in Bedford, Pa.

c—Sadie S. McGraw, b. June 21, 1881; d. Aug. 11, 1881.

d—Alice G. McGraw, b. Oct. 23, 1882, in Marion, O.

e—C. Woodcock McGraw, b. Sept. 12, 1884.

f—Chester E. McGraw, b. Oct. 13, 1888.

g—Robert R. McGraw, b. June 25, 1891.

h—Harry Lee McGraw, b. July 5, 1895. All living in Marion, O.



5. James Monroe Woodcock, b. June 12, 1857; married, June 15, 1887, Susan H. Noble (b. Sept. 30, 1860). Issue to this union three children:

a—William Irvin, b. April 24, 1888.

b—Mary Barton, b. August 12, 1890.

c—Ruth Emma, b. Jan. 6, 1893.

All living at home in Waterside, Pa.

6. Andrew J. Woodcock, Jr., b. Sept. 22, 1859; d. May 15, 1865.

7. Barbara Ella Woodcock, b. Nov. 7, 1861; married Rev. L. R. Brumbaugh, a Minister of the Gospel, living at Ridgely, Md. Date of marriage, December 27, 1881. Issue as follows:

a—Anna Pearl, b. Sept. 26, 1882; died Aug. 18, 1883.

b—Mary Edna, b. April 3, 1884; married Norman L. Rairigh, Oct. 3, 1906. Issue, Arthur Lee, b. January 9, 1908. Living at Denton, Md.

c—Arthur Woodcock Brumbaugh, b. October 5, 1885. Engaged in mercantile business in Greenboro, Md.

d—Andrew Irvine B., b. March 30, 1891. In business with his brother in Greenboro, Md.

e—Alice Marguerite B., b. March 25, 1897.

8. Jacob H. Woodcock, b. Dec. 12, 1864; d. Oct. 7, 1865.

9. Alice M. Woodcock, b. June 2, 1866; married August 31, 1894, Elmer E. Noble, at Waterside, Pa. Issue:

a—Ruth, b. March 27, 1896.

b—Mary Alice, b. March 31, 1897, d. July 10, 1908.

c—Faith, b. April 13, 1898.

d—Frank, b. Oct. 19, 1901.

The mother, Alice M., d. March 24, 1903, aged 37 years. The father d. Feb. 2, 1904, aged 42 years. The children are located as follows: Ruth with her aunt, Anna

McGraw, near Knoxville, Iowa. Faith has been adopted by Dr. Geo. W. Patton, of St. Augustine, Fla. John T. is living with his uncle, James M., at Waterside, Pa.

10. John C. Woodcock, b. November 6, 1867. Married and has issue, several children. Now living near Pleasantville, Iowa, and is a prosperous farmer. Married Ella Ellis June 16, 1892. P. O., Pleasantville, Iowa. To this union the following children were born:

a—Mary Mabel Woodcock, b. May 7, 1893; teaching school.

b—Arthur J. Woodcock, b. Sept. 12, 1895.

c—Leila Bernice Woodcock, b. March 7, 1897.

d—Herbert Irvin Woodcock, b. Jan. 14, 1902.

e—Ralph Raymond Woodcock, b. May 2, 1909. All living at home.

## CHAPTER V.

### DESCENDANTS OF BANCROFT THE THIRD.

**J**OHAN WESLEY WOODCOCK, second son of Bancroft, who was the son of Isaac, married Mary M. Abel, March, 1841; died December 18, 1888, aged 73 years. He was in the iron business at Brownsville and later at New Lexington, Ohio.

He was the father of five children, as follows:

- a—Jane Elizabeth Woodcock, b. Dec. 25, 1842; d. June 6, 1900. Married Luther Stewart and was the mother of six children: Howard, Daisy, Leonora M., Lena T., Samuel and Blanche D. The four first named married and have issue.
- b—Geo. Bancroft Woodcock, b. Jan. 4, 1844; d. Feb. 9, 1907. Married Mary Stewart and is the father of three sons: Oliver, William and John.
- c—Irene Elswitha Woodcock, b. June 26, 1846. Is unmarried and living with her brother, James S., in New Lexington, O.
- d—John Craig Woodcock, b. March 24, 1849. Married, first, Laura Johnson, and is the father of four children: William C., Anna Blanche, Catharine Clover and Mary. He again married Mrs. May Worley. To this union six children were born, all living with their parents in Vinita, Okla.
- e—James Samuel Woodcock, b. Sept. 12, 1852. Married Eliza R. Ryall Nov. 12, 1874. Issue, six

children: 1. Luela E., b. March 6, 1876; married. 2. Grace Estella, b. March 30, 1882; also married to James Garey. 3. Thomas John, b. April 14, 1884; died in infancy. 4. Ryall, b. April 23, 1890. 6. Paul Samuel, b. May 14, 1893. The father married, second, Elizabeth P. Berlin. He still lives in New Lexington, O., and is engaged in the iron business, being the President of the Star Manufacturing Company, which manufactures mine cars and all kinds of castings.

f.—Harriet Bell Woodcock, b. March 17, 1855; d. Oct. 19, 1866.

#### ADDITIONAL DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT AND WILLIAM WOODCOCK.

William, oldest son of Robert and Rachel, of Wilmington, married the second time, as we have stated in Chapter II, Mrs. Abram Marshall, and had issue: A son, William, and a daughter, Elizabeth, who married Joseph Marot. They resided in Wilmington, Del. To this union were born the following children, some of whose descendants are still living in the city of Wilmington, some in Philadelphia and elsewhere in Pennsylvania. Also some in Maryland:

1. Ann Woodcock Marot, b. in Wilmington July 18, 1785; married, May 14, 1807, Isaac Whitlock. Moved to Frankford, near Philadelphia, had issue and died in Frankford March 7, 1865. Her husband died May 4, 1848.

2. Ruth Marot, born in Wilmington, Del., August 10, 1787; died in Wilmington Nov. 19, 1788.

3. William Marot, born in Wilmington, Del., June 5, 1790; died in Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18, 1864. Married, first, at Philadelphia, Jan. 21, 1818, Mary Shelmordine,

who was born in Philadelphia April, 1798; died in Philadelphia, September 7, 1819. Married, second, at Philadelphia, March 4, 1824, Deborah Basset, born Dec. 18, 1793; died at Wilmington, July 24, 1893; daughter of Nathaniel Basset and Sarah Saunders.

4. Joseph Marot, born in Wilmington, Del., March 31, 1792; died at Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 1, 1868. Married in Philadelphia, April 30, 1823, Mary Richards, who died Feb. 17, 1865.

5. Samuel Marot, born in Wilmington, Del., June 29, 1794; died in East Liberty, O., March 9, 1866. Married Sabina White.

6. Davenport White, born in Wilmington, Del., Jan. 19, 1799, died in Philadelphia April 12, 1833. Married Eliza Pryor, who died at Philadelphia July 7, 1871.

The children of Ann Morat and Isaac Whitelock were:

1. Elizabeth Whitelock, born in Frankford, Pa., Feb. 21, 1808; died July 1, 1880. Unmarried.

2. Sarah Whitelock, born in Frankford, Pa., July 6, 1809; died in Philadelphia April 25, 1890. Married, July 26, 1838, William Griscom, son of William Griscom and Nancy Steward, who died Feb. 9, 1885. Issue of this union was three children: Isaac W. Griscom, Anne M. Griscom and Sarah Griscom.

3. Mary Whitelock, born in Frankford, Pa., April 27, 1811; died in Frankford June 4, 1874.

4. Anne Whitelock, born in Frankford, Pa., March 1, 1813; died in Frankford September 20, 1838. Married, Oct. 26, 1837, David J. Griscom, son of William Griscom and Nancy Steward; died Jan. 1, 1865.

5. Jane Whitelock, born in Frankford, Pa., Aug. 15, 1819; died in Philadelphia April 14, 1895. Married April 22, 1847, David J. Griscom, after her sister Anne's death.



Their children were Elizabeth Griscom, Ellen M. Griscom, Joseph E. Griscom, David J. Griscom, William Griscom and Jane W. Griscom.

6. Isaac Whitelock, born in Frankford, Pa., June 27, 1821; died in Frankford May 3, 1840.

7. Ellen Love Whitelock, born in Frankford, Pa., Sept. 15, 1825; died in Frankford Nov. 26, 1882.

William Marot and his second wife, Deborah, had the following children:

Charles Henry Marot, born in Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24, 1825; died in Philadelphia Dec. 21, 1887. Married at Woodbury, N. J., Oct. 14, 1857, Hannah Stewart Griscom, daughter of William and Henry Wade Griscom. To them were born:

Sarah Marot, born in Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 4, 1858; died in Philadelphia Jan. 24, 1860.

Mary Stewart Marot, born in Philadelphia Aug. 17, 1860.

Elizabeth Griscom Marot, born in Philadelphia Feb. 9, 1863.

Helen Marot, born June 9, 1865.

William Griscom Marot, born Dec. 5, 1871.

Sarah Hassat Marot, born in Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 26, 1827; died in Philadelphia April 23, 1854; unmarried.

William Marot, Jr., born in Philadelphia, Pa., July 13, 1830; died in Elwood, N. J., June 25, 1876. Married at Reading, Pa., June 25, 1862, Emeline Griscom, daughter of Samuel and Ann Griscom.

Ada Basset Marot, born in Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 9, 1863.

Sarah Griscom Marot, born in Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 13, 1866.

Philip Marot, born in West Elwood, N. J., July 3, 1869.

Samuel Marot, born in Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 24, 1832; died in Philadelphia Jan. 5, 1896. Married, first, Oct. 8, 1862, Harriet Ellis, near Crosswick, N. J., daughter of William H. and Rebecca Ellis; second, March 11, 1875, Ella Fisher, daughter of Charles and Eliza Fisher, born at Schoolcraft, Mich., March 7, 1850. The issue of this second marriage was:

Edward H. Marot, born Dec. 17, 1875.

Florence Ella Marot, born Nov. 6, 1877.

Elizabeth Marot, born in Philadelphia, Pa., July 9, 1835; residence, 313 Dickinson Ave., Swarthmore, Pa.

Children of Joseph Marot and Mary Richards are:

Edward Marot, born in Philadelphia, Pa., March 4, 1824; died in Dayton, O., Oct. 9, 1849. Married at Lenia, O., in October, 1845, Sarah Cole.

Lewis Marot, born in Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 9, 1825; died in Florida; unmarried.

Henry Marot, born in Philadelphia, Pa., March 26, 1827. Married in Logan county, O., Nov. 22, 1833, Lucy A. Moyce.

Jane J. Marot, born in Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 20, 1883. Married D. O. Stout. No issue.

John R. Marot, born in Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 12, 1831. Married in September, 1859, at Dayton, O., Rebecca Harris. No issue.

William Marot, born in Reading, O., June 28, 1832. Married Feb. 24, 1856, Margaret D. Otter.

Ann Marot, born in Cincinnati, O., March 30, 1834. Married June 8, 1854, Gilbert Pryor.

Benjamin Marot, born in Cincinnati, O., April 17, 1836. Married at Dayton, O., April 29, 1868, Harriet B. Sowers.

Samuel Marot, born in Cincinnati, O., June 16, 1838;

died at Goldsboro, N. C., April 10, 1865. A soldier of the Civil war.

Samuel Marot and Sabina White's children are:

Joseph D. Marot, born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 4, 1824. Married, at Dayton, O., Dec. 31, 1849, Eliza J. Blackman. The issue of this union was Henry E. Marot, Charles S. Marot and Jane Elizabeth Marot, born in Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 8, 1824; died in Philadelphia July 3, 1828.

Davenport Marot and Eliza Pryor's children are:

1. Ann Pryor Marot, born in Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 4, 1828. Married July 5, 1851, John Goforth. Their children are: Gilbert C. Goforth, Lewis M. Goforth, Mary M. Goforth, Anna Goforth and Emily M. Goforth.

2. Emily Ellis Marot.

3. Joseph Pryor Marot, who married Amanda Rushton, to whom were born Rushton Marot and Henry Marot.

Edward Marot and Sarah Cole's children: Mary Marot, Lewis Marot and Henry Marot.

Henry Marot and Lucy A. Moyce's children:

Lucy M. Marot, Emily C. Marot, Edith A. Marot, Jane M. Marot, Marriet B. Marot and Bessie S. Marot.

William Marot and Margaret D. Otter's children:

Anna J. Marot, Mary E. Marot, William E. Marot, Lewis B. Marot, Edward Marot, Emma O. Marot and John R. Marot.

Ann Marot and Gilbert Pryor's children:

Gilbert C. Pryor, Lewis M. Pryor, Mary M. Pryor, Anna Pryor and Emily M. Pryor.

Benjamin Marot and Harriet B. Sower's children:

Emma Marot, Blanche Marot, Mary Marot, Louise Marot and Helen Marot.

## CHAPTER VI.

### DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT WOODCOCK THE SECOND.

AS stated in Chapter II, Robert Woodcock, who married Rachel Bancroft Jan. 19, 1718, in Kellurin, Ireland, and came to America in 1726 and settled in Wilmington, was the father of five children. We have given the descendants of Bancroft and William. From the evidence secured we have reached the conclusion that Robert, the Second, (third son of Robert and Rachel) born April 28, 1729, in Wilmington, Del., married and had issue, among whom was Robert Woodcock, the third, born April 8, 1765. Married Mary Caples (b. Oct. 12, 1767). This union was blessed with twelve children, as follows:

1. Bancroft Woodcock, b. August 14, 1787.
2. Ruth Woodcock, b. Feb. 2, 1789.
3. Robert Woodcock, the fourth, b. April 4, 1791.
4. Thomas Woodcock, b. April 19, 1793.
5. William Woodcock, b. June 29, 1795.
6. Joseph Woodcock, b. Nov. 22, 1797.
7. Jesse Woodcock, b. Jan. 10, 1802.
8. Amos Woodcock, b. Nov. 14, 1805.
9. Deborah Woodcock, b. Dec. 25, 1806.
- 10 and 11. Joshua and James, twins, b. Oct. 22, 1809.
12. Eli O. C. Woodcock, b. April 3, 1812.

Most of these children married and settled in Wilmington, Baltimore and some in Pennsylvania. We have procured the following information concerning them:

Bancroft died young, about 17.

Ruth married Jaret Osbourne and had issue, as follows: Curtis and Harriet; probably others. They settled in Erie county, Pa., and died there.

Robert married Margaret Sipe and had issue. They moved to Ohio and died there. He was a tanner.

Thomas married Helen Houck and had issue as follows: Mary, Deborah, Elizabeth, Harriett, Jane and Jesse, John, Amos and George. He was a farmer and lived and died in Clear Ridge, Fulton Co., Pa.

William married Amelia Davidson. Issue: Theodore, Asbury, John, Nicholas, Jesse, Eliza, Elonira, Rebecca and Laura.

Joseph married Mary Willett, was a millwright and farmer and lived in Wells Valley and had issue as follows: Irene, Rachel, Elsie, Susan, Emiline, Caleb, Joshua, Oliver E. and Walter W.

Jesse married Harriet Prosser and had issue as follows: John R., Wm. H. and Mary Sarah. He lived in Baltimore, Md.

Amos married Catherine Shell and had issue as follows: Anne, Clark, Blair, Lynch and Mary.

Deborah married Johnsey Houck and had issue: Ephraim, Timothy, Francis, Oliver, Eliza and Mary. She lived and died in Missouri.

Joshua married Mary McMurray, lived in Chillcothe, O., and had issue: Sarah Ellen, Henry Bancroft and Robert. James died young.

Eli O. Caples removed to Ohio and became a prominent newspaper man. He died unmarried.

Of the third generation the following are known:

Thos. and Helen Houck's grandchildren:

Mary married Evan Huston. Six children: Oliver, Thomas, Henry, Elizabeth Jane, Helen and Belle.

Deborah married Mr. Pinto. One son.

Jesse married Margaret Henry. No children.

John remained unmarried.

Amos married Sallie Cannon. Three children.

Elizabeth married John Berkstresser. Children are: Thomas, George, Wilbur and Deborah.



George married Mary Smouce. Children are: Clark and Frank.

Harriet Jane married Robert Grove. Children: Ella, William and Jesse.

Grandchildren of William and Amelia Woodcock:

Eliza married Chas. Blake and had issue, five children: Amelia, Matsey, Eliza, Robert and Vinton.

Elmira married Geo. Rawlings. Children: Ada, Amelia, Lilly, Emma and a son.

Theo., no children.

Asbury, unknown.

John, no children.

Nicholas never married.

Jesse's family unknown.

Rebecca married a Brown. Issue: One child, Rebecca.

Laura married a Bennett. Issue. Two daughters.

Grandchildren of Joseph Woodcock:

Mary Irene married John Shaw. Children are: Lewis S., Jos. A., Jas. A., Benj. G., Oliver W., Geo. W., Henry C., John W. and Rachel Mary.

Caleb married Dorothy Hoaf. One son, George.

Rachel married John Wallace. One son, Grant.

Elsie married Geo. W. Edwards. Children are: Clorann, Francis, Rebecca, Jane Amon, Alice, Ella, Hester, Oliver, Anna Etta, Jas. A., Jos. E., Alverda M. and Ruth.

Walter married Janet Somerville. Children: Agnes. Second marriage, Frances Cole; son, Harold; daughter, Bernice.

Emiline married Wm. Bivens. Children: Hester, Roberta, Gertrude, Jos., Maurice, Blanche, Hayes, Clyde, Ambrose.

Susan, married to J. C. Alexander. No children.

Joshua died young.

Jesse and Harriet Woodcock's grandchildren unknown.

Amos and Catherine Woodcock's grandchildren unknown.

Grandchildren of Deborah and Johnsey Houck unknown.

Grandchildren of Joshua and Mary Woodcock: Some of these children are in the western states, thrifty farmers, and some are prominent in the professions and politics.

Walter W. Woodcock was born Sept. 19, 1839, was twice married and was the father of several children, all of whom married and have issue. He settled in Seattle, Washington, and most of his children and grandchildren live in Seattle and other parts of Washington and are well to do. They are as follows:

Agnes R. Woodcock, b. Feb. 20, 1872.

Mary Belle Woodcock, b. August, 1873; d. Sept., 1874.

Harold Woodcock, b. August 20, 1878.

B. Bernice Woodcock, b. July 30, 1885.

Agnes R. Woodcock married Benjamin Alexander and has issue.

Harold Woodcock married Pansy Freeman and has issue.

## CHAPTER VII.

DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT THE THIRD AND HIS SON,  
THOMAS WOODCOCK.

AS we have seen, Robert the third, born April 8, 1765, married Mary Caples and was the father of 12 children, among whom was Thomas, his fourth child, born April 19 (or 24), 1793, at Black Rock, Md.; died June 16, 1876, at the age of 83 years. His father, Robert, was the owner of a line of Conestoga wagons that carried freight from Baltimore and Philadelphia to Pittsburg. Thomas was a farmer, first in Trough Creek Valley and later on a farm in Clear Ridge, Fulton county, Pa., as we have stated, where he died. On February 24, 1818, he married Eleanor Houck, of Croft Creek, Huntingdon county, Pa. (b. June 10, 1797; d. June 22, 1876). To this union were born nine children, as herein before named, among whom was Amos Wilson Woodcock, born June the 6th, 1830, in Trough Creek Valley. In 1845 he removed to Baltimore and became a watchmaker and jeweler. August 8, 1850, he married Miss Sallie H. Cannon, of Bridgeville, Delaware. In 1851 they settled in Salisbury, Md. This union was blessed with the following children:

1. Thomas Wingate Woodcock, b. June 14, 1851; d. August, 1851.

2. William Franklin Amos Woodcock, b. November 16, 1852.

3. Thomas John Woodcock, b. September 4, 1854; d. September 11, 1855.

4. Amos Wilson Woodcock, b. September 27, 1855; died in infancy.

5. Jesse Lee Woodcock, b. March 6, 1857.

6. Samuel Pancoast Woodcock, b. April 17, 1858.

William Franklin Amos Woodcock resides in Winona,

Minn. He was the first man in America to start a school for the training of expert watch makers. He married Alice Burns, August 2, 1872. Issue, one child, Edith Terrington. She married John Hiller in 1895. Issue, one child, John C., in 1896. In 1911, October 12, she married a second time, Rudolph Ross, post office, Newton Centre, a suburb of Boston, Mass. She was a concert singer and a star in romantic opera of note, but now retired.

Jesse Lee Woodcock married Alice Palmer, June 16, 1891, and is the father of three children, as follows: Floyd W., born October 26; 1892; Harold P., born December 31, 1894, and Reginald D., born February 2, 1897.

Samuel P. Woodcock married Carrie Wood, October 26, 1886, and had issue as follows: Margaret S., born October 17, 1887; S. Franklin, born May, 1891, and Mary Virginia, born October 31, 1894. All reside in Salisbury, Md., where their father is a successful real estate broker.

The father, Amos Wilson Woodcock, married second time, Julia Anna Harris Wright (b. April 7, 1841,) August 27, 1862. To this union four children were born:

1. Sallie Ellen Woodcock, b. June 21, 1863.
2. Julia Roselda Woodcock, b. August 9, 1865.
3. Eliza Wilson Woodcock, b. November 21, 1881.
4. Amos Walter Wright Woodcock, b. October 29, 1883.

Sallie Ellen married Rev. Thomas E. Martindale, D. D., at this writing pastor of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church in Salisbury, Md., some time District Superintendent, several times a member of the General Conference, which is the law-making body of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The writer first met Rev. and Mrs. Martindale in the General Conference of 1900, held in Chicago. He is also a trustee of Dickinson College, and stands high in the church as well as in the community in which he lives.

Julia Roselda married, February 28, 1892, Dr. George W. Todd, of Salisbury, and is the mother of four children, as follows: a. George Williamson, b. January 12, 1893; b. Nevins Woodcock, b. June 13, 1896. c. Katharine Ann, b. May 5, 1902. d. Roselda Fowler, b. July 2, 1907.

Mrs. Martindale is an active worker in the church and a leader in the social work of the city in which she resides.

Elizabeth Wilson Woodcock graduated at Washington College and in the New England Conservatory of Music. Now at home with her mother in Salisbury, Md.

Amos Walter Wright Woodcock graduated A. B., St. John's College, 1903; M. A., 1905; L.L. B., University of Maryland, 1910; M. A., at Harvard, 1912; Assistant Professor of Mathematics, St. John's College, 1905 to 1910, inc. He commenced the study of the law in 1910, and was admitted to the bar, 1912, and is now a promising practitioner in Salisbury, Md.



## CHAPTER VIII.

### NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

THE following is a sketch of the New England branch of the Woodcock family, from John Woodcock, b. in England about 1615, and is known as John Woodcock, of Rehoboth. The sketch is placed in the last chapter because we have no direct or positive proof connecting them with Robert Woodcock, born in 1692, but we are reasonably sure that they came from a common ancestry. We are, therefore, pleased to give it place in this unpretentious volume:

In Read's History of Swanzey, N. H., page 499, as follows: Nathan Woodcock, born January 20, 1738; married Levina Goodnow. Several children, giving their names and date of birth.

In the History of Winthrop, by Thurston, we find David Woodcock, born 1776; married Mary Pullen. Several children, giving their births and marriages. Also William Woodcock, born October 9, 1800; married Lucy Buzzel. One daughter.

In Eaton's History of Rockland and South Thomastown we find several of the name : Nathaniel, born 1750; married Rebecca Healey. Several children, among whom was Nathan, born 1793, a farmer, married and had issue.

In Dedham's Historical Registers is found, page 172, Woodcock Family Notes, by Howard Redwood Guild. We can here give but a few paragraphs, which are as follows: Among the early colonists of Rehoboth, more especially that portion known as the "North Purchase," John Woodcock, senior, easily takes position in the first rank. He lived at Ten Mile River, now part of the town of Attleboro. and here was located his noted garrison, which was a strategic point in the Indian warfare of 1676. Woodcock from the first took a prominent part in public affairs, and

represented his neighbors on many occasions. Writers who have set forth the Old North Purchase Chronicles invariably characterized him as a brave soldier, an able, energetic and successful citizen and a man of high character. He was twice married and reared a large family of children, for all of whom he kindly and liberally provided as they arrived at maturity.

John Woodcock was born in England about 1615 and came from Weymouth, England, to New England, March 20, 1635, when a little over twenty years of age. (His wife and mother of his children was named Sarah and died at Attleboro in the year 1676.) He was a deputy in 1691 and in 1696, besides being Selectman, he was appointed, with John Rodgers, to manage the affairs of the Mile and a Half Township. He died at Attleboro on the 20th day of October, 1701, and was there buried. On December 4 of that year his son John, and his son-in-law, Captain Samuel Guild, were appointed his administrators. In 1704 they rendered an account of their administration.

He was the father of twelve children, and an account of all is given in this book (Woodcock Family Notes, by Guild) and is quite interesting, but too long to even epitomize in this sketch, except to say that all of these twelve children lived into mature man and womanhood, all married and all raised large families of children, many of whom became prominent—some lawyers, judges and ministers.

In a sketch of the history of Attleboro, Mass., by John Daggett the name of Mr. John Woodcock is prominently mentioned as taking part in the proceedings of the town meeting, and on March 22, 1696, a town meeting was held for the purpose of electing Selectmen. The following persons were chosen: Mr. John Woodcock, Anthony Sprague, Daniel Jenks, Johnathan Fuller and Thos. Lingley.

“In 1669 Mr. John Woodcock, his sons and their families,

commenced to build a Baptist Meeting house on the Bay road, where Hatches old tavern still stands. Near by here he built a house for himself and family and fortified it as a garrison and laid out lands to the amount of about 300 acres, which afterward became an excellent farm. In 1670 his house was occupied as a garrison."

John Woodcock's name appears in the Rehoboth records as early as 1647, 28th day of the 4th month, when he bought the lands of Ed. Patterson.

We also quote the following paragraphs from the same book: Woodcock (John) was a man of consideration in those days. His name frequently appears in town offices and committees. June 2nd, 1692, he was chosen Deputy to the General Committee from Rehoboth and at several other times. He was shrewd, hardy, fearless and adventurous, a character just suited to the times in which he lived. He held Indian rights in very low estimation. Here follows an account of his twelve children, some of whom were killed by the Indians, and then the following:

John Woodcock, Senior, died October 20, 1701, having arrived at a very advanced age, in spite of the many attempts which had been made by the Indians to destroy him. It is said that after his death the scars of seven bullet holes were counted on his body. He was an inveterate and implacable enemy of the Indians, the cause of which will hereafter appear in the notice of some events in Philip's war. In encounters with them on several occasions, he ran imminent risks of his life. He was foremost in all enterprises, the object of which was the destruction of the Indians. He was a very useful man as a pioneer in the danger and hardships of a new settlement, being cunning in contrivances and bold and active in execution. Woodcock's garrison was a well known place during the great Indian war; this

Woodcock garrison was one of a chain of fortifications extending from Boston to Rhode Island.

Armies rested at the Woodcock house and great men of the colonies were sheltered under its roof. It is frequently mentioned by historians. The celebrated Judge Sewall relates in his diary that on his return from Rehoboth he dined at Woodcock's, with fellow travelers, on boiled venison.

Woodcock laid out the ancient burying ground near his house, in which he and many of his children are buried. He and his second wife sold a part (200 acres) of this property in Feb., 1693-94, but made reservation in the deed of certain fields for pasture for his horses when he came to church, from which we conclude that he and his family were regular attendants at the public worship. He also excepted from this conveyance the burying ground.

In Haywards History of Gillsinn, N. H., Nathan Woodcock is prominently mentioned. Born at Swansey, March 19, 1706, died at Peem, July 27, 1870, aged 85 years. He was the father of ten children, all of whom married and had issue.

To this branch of the family tree belong several Woodcocks now living in Chicago and the west, among whom we are pleased to name John L. Woodcock, 1510 Fisher building, a prominent citizen of Chicago. Also Mr. Lindsay Woodcock, now general manager of Marshall Field's great store. These gentlemen are married and have pleasant families. Also Arthur Woodcock, esq., at one time a prominent lawyer in Chicago, now married and living in California in retirement from active practice.

There is also a Mr. J. M. Woodcock, wholesale merchant, in Chicago, whose kind hospitality the writer has shared. He comes from Kentucky and we are quite sure belongs to the Wilmington branch of the Woodcock family.

The John Leighton Woodcock above referred to was b.



in Robbinstone, Me., Jan. 30, 1836. M. Eliza Watts Haycock, of Calais, Me. Nov. 3, 1859. Settled in Chicago in 1867—where he still resides in retirement; his address being 163 Ridgeland avenue, Oak Park, Ill. His father, John T, Woodcock, was b. at Union, Me., Nov. 25, 1801. M. Harriet Jones, Aug. 4, 1826. Resides and raised a family at Robbinstone and Calais, Me.

Mr. Lindsay Todd Woodcock, also mentioned above, started at the bottom in Marshall Field's store at the age of 17 years, and by his honesty, truthfulness, industry and fidelity to his employer's interest, has risen from the bottom, step by step, up to the top, and today is the general manager of the greatest store in America, if not in the world. Such an example should challenge the pride, ambition and energy of the twentieth century boy. His lineage is as follows:

John Woodcock, of Rehoboth, Mass, b. 1647; m. Sarah —; she d. Nov. 29, 1676, leaving a son, Jonathan, b. probably at Roxbury, Mass., about 1655; m., first, Rebecca Martin, Aug. 23, 1694; second wife, Mary Williams, Dec. 14, 1698. Issue, several children, among whom was a son, Benjamin, b. at Attleboro, Mass., Jan. 12th, 1707; m. Margaret White, of Norton, Mass., March 20th, 1734. Issue:

Son David, b. Attleboro, June 4, 1742; m. Abigail Holmes, Sept. 17, 1765; removed to Union, Me., 1784. Issue:

Son, David, b. Attleboro, Mass., Oct. 23, 1771; m. Aphia Peabody, 1794; settled at Oak Bay, N. B., 1810. Issue:

Son, Dexter Hatch, b. Union, Me., Sept. 11, 1795; m. Jane Harvey, of Morimiche, N. B., 1821; settled in Baring, Maine. Issue:



Son, Aaron Hovey, b. in Alexander, Me., Feb. 11th, 1832; m. Olive Gould, of Baring; second wife, Adelaide Robbins, of Baileyville. Issue:

Son (by first wife), Lindsay Todd, b. in Baring Me., Aug. 23d, 1858; m. Maude Waterhouse, in Chicago, June 3d, 1884; living at Oak Park, Ill., and is the father of the following children:

a—Robert Lindsay, b. Sept. 21, 1886.

b—Marjorie Louia, b. Dec. 28, 1891.

c—Helen Gladys, b. April 12, 1894.

d—Lois Todd, b. Oct. 29, 1899.

e—Lindsay Maine, b. Dec. 22, 1909.

Mr. J. M. Woodcock, also above mentioned, is one of a large family of the branch of the Woodcocks who settled in Wilmington in 1726—being a descendant of Robert or William, some of whose children settled in Kentucky and raised large families, some of whom have arisen to positions of prominence in both church and state in Kentucky, and are men of affairs. Some are eminent lawyers and some have been honored by being elevated to the bench.

In closing this little volume I wish to give expression of my gratitude to all who have, in any way, aided me in my arduous, yet pleasant work of hunting up family records. To those who have never undertaken such a work let me say that it has required much time and labor. It has taken some three or four years to gather the information herein contained. To some genealogy and heraldry may appear sentimental. In my judgment they are not, but are in harmony with practical common sense and correct living. To keep an accurate account of our ancestors is also compatible with the Golden Rule, for who of us want to be forgotten after we are removed from the activities of this life. Not that we should encourage a spirit of pride because some member of our family has done something good or great a hundred years ago, for the writer thinks a man should be measured for what he *is* himself and for what he has done to make the world better. Some one says: "The proper measure of man is mind," and I would add, and the proper use of it. If some member of the family has done well let us emulate his example and be stimulated thereby to nobler effort, and if some one in the family has made a mistake let us be the more humble for it, and profit by such mistake.

In the hope that some member of the Woodcock family every fifty or one hundred years will supplement this weak effort by bringing this history down to that date, I write the word

FINIS.

















